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Woman Charged in 2002 Kidnap-Murder Of Montebello Girl

A woman suspected in the kidnapping and murder of 15-year-old Brenda Sierra in 2002 is due in court today on murder charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Rosemary Chavira (dob 7/3/87) is scheduled to be arraigned today at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA434138. She is being held without bail.

Deputy District Attorney Victor Avila with Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

The complaint charges Chavira with the special circumstances of felony murder during commission of a kidnapping and rape and gang allegations. Because she was 15 at the time of the murders, she faces life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted as charged.

The victim, who had no association with gangs, was kidnapped on her way to Schurr High School in Montebello on Oct. 18, 2002. Her body was discovered the next day in the San Bernardino Mountains. The cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.